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Summit to Tackle Senior Issues

Summit to bring together public and private-sector providers to protect seniors

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is preparing to host a first-of-its-kind senior summit to address financial, physical and emotional abuse of the elderly.

Senior Summit 2006: Protecting and Serving California's Aging Population will be held Friday May 12, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"This summit is for anyone who has an interest in protecting California's seniors," said DCA Director Charlene Zettel. "It is a unique opportunity for government, community-based organizations and others to not only come together and discuss the many issues affecting seniors, but to find ways to work together to address them."

The summit will feature two panel presentations in the morning, one highlighting the state approach to protecting seniors, the other examining local approaches.

Panel discussions will be followed by three breakout sessions in the afternoon, covering a wide variety of topics, including privacy protection and identity theft prevention for seniors, health insurance (including Medicare Part D), elder financial abuse, conservatorships, real estate scams, law enforcement efforts, consumer protection, and many other issues.

Senior Summit 2006: Protecting and Serving California's Aging Population is free, and a continental breakfast and boxed lunch will be provided to participants. For more information, or to register, visit www.seniorssummit.ca.gov.

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